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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 116 EXPEDITED PROSECUTION ART UNIT 1641

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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETECTION OF APO A, APO B AND THE

RATIO THEREOF IN SALIVA

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 2, 2003, please amend the application as follows. A Notice of Appeal accompanies this Response, along with the appropriate fee for a small entity. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.